

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

YOUNG ADVOCATES FOR FAIR
EDUCATION,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 18 CV 4167

vs.

Judge I. Leo Glasser

ANDREW CUOMO, in his official capacity
as Governor of the State of New York,
BETTY ROSA, in her official capacity as
Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the
State of New York,
MARYELLEN ELIA, in her official capacity
as Commissioner of the New York State
Education Department,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF RABBI AVROHOM SCHWARTZ

1. My name is Avrohom Schwartz and I am a Principal at Yeshiva Chasan Sofer, which is located at 1876 50th Street in Brooklyn, New York.
2. Our school was listed in the complaint letter regarding substantial equivalence of instruction that was received by the New York City Department of Education.
3. In following up on that complaint, a team of professionals from the Department of Education visited our school on March 29, 2017.
4. During that visit, the Department Education professional met with administrators, teachers and students at our school, and sat in on numerous classes. Among the classes that they visited were several Jewish studies classes. The Department of Education was quite interested in the learning that occurs in our Jewish studies classes, and was impressed by the academic rigor that is required of our students.

5. Since the Department of Education visit occurred on March 29, 2017, it was well before the Felder Amendment was proposed or considered. Nevertheless, it was evident to me that the Department was interested in the entirety of our curriculum, including Jewish studies.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New York that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 4th day of October 2018, at Brooklyn, New York.



AVROHOM SCHWARTZ